

October 2, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
GRAND AVENUE AND ENVIRONS PROJECT**

On your Board's October 8, 2002, Board agenda, my office is recommending that your Board certify the Final Environmental Impact Report, and take related actions, for the Grand Avenue and Environs Project.

The Grand Avenue and Environs Project includes three elements: Grand Avenue Realignment, County Mall Pedestrian Improvements, and Music Center Improvements. The Los Angeles Conservancy, which opposes certain components of the Music Center Improvements, has requested that the Board delay action on the Final EIR until October 15, 2002, because Conservancy staff will be attending a national conference in Cleveland on October 8.

We have targeted October 8 for certification of the Final EIR so that construction of the Grand Avenue Realignment and County Mall Pedestrian Improvements will not interfere with the opening of the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Under the current schedule, construction of the Grand Avenue Realignment and County Mall Pedestrian Improvements between First and Second Streets would be completed by July 31, 2003, to allow for move-in activities and operational set-up of the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Construction would be completed between Temple and First Street in early to mid-September 2003, just prior to the opening of the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Each Supervisor  
October 2, 2002  
Page 2

A delay in considering the EIR will result in a day-for-day delay in construction of the Grand Avenue Realignment and County Mall Pedestrian Improvements and may jeopardize our ability to complete the improvements prior to the opening of the Concert Hall.

Attached is a copy of the Board letter that has been filed for the October 8 agenda, which discusses the Conservancy's issues with certain components of the Music Center Improvements.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact John Edmisten of my staff at (213) 974-7365.

DEJ:SNY:JSE  
KW:mda

Attachment

c:     Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
       County Counsel  
       Music Center